

**What is claimed is:**

- Sub A* → 1. A method comprising steps of:  
 indexing a media collection to create an indexed library based on a content of the media collection;  
 searching the indexed library to identify a set of candidate program segments based on a search criteria; and  
 browsing the set of candidate program segments to select a segment for viewing.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein:  
 the step of indexing includes extracting from the media collection for each segment of the set of candidate image segments one of closed captioning data and speech recognition data as searchable text data, the speech recognition data being extracted when closed captioning data is unavailable; and  
 the step of searching includes comparing the search criteria to the searchable text data in the indexed library.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein:  
 the step of indexing further includes a step forming a browseable image for each segment of the set of candidate program segments, each browseable image including keywords identified in the searchable text data for display in the browseable image; and  
 the step of browsing includes selecting a display segment from the set of candidate program segments and displaying the associated browseable image with associated keywords.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein:  
 each browseable image further includes key images identified in the indexed library for display in the browseable image; and  
 the step of displaying the associated browseable image further displays associated key images.

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5. The method of claim 3, wherein:

the searchable text data associated with the selected display segment includes a first word having low information content and a second word having high information content; and

the step of forming a browseable image includes selecting the second word as a keyword and rejecting the first word as a keyword.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein:

the step of indexing further includes a step forming a browseable image for each segment of the set of candidate program segments, each browseable image including key images identified in the indexed library for display in the browseable image; and

the step of browsing includes selecting a display segment from the set of candidate program segments and displaying the associated browseable image.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein:

the media associated with the selected display segment includes an image of an anchor-person having low information content and a field shot image of an event having high information content; and

the step of forming a browseable image includes selecting the field shot image as a key image and rejecting the image of the anchor-person as a key image.

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